

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 10-23, 28-36 and 38 and 39 are presently active in this case, Claims 1, 17 and 33 having been amended; Claims 8-9, 24-25 and 37 canceled by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-10, 12-26, 28-37 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent number 6,175,860 to Gaucher; and Claims 11, 27 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaucher in view U.S. patent number 6,803,728 to Balasubramaniam et al.

First, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Khuong and Primary Examiner Hsu for the February 17, 2005 personal interview at which time the outstanding issues in this case were discussed. During the discussion, Applicants presented amendments and arguments substantially as indicated herein. While no formal agreement was reached, the Examiners indicated that Claims 1, 17 and 33, as amended herein patentably define over the cited references, but further search and consideration would be needed to make a determination of patentability.

With regard to the Examiner's comments in the personal interview that Claim 39 may not be in proper claim drafting form, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 39 is drafted in accordance with the guidelines provided at MPEP § 608.1(n)(I)(A) at page 600-75. Therefore, Applicants wish to maintain Claim 39 in its present format.

Turning now to the merits, in order to expedite issuance of a patent in this case, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 17 and 33 to include the features of Claims 8 and 9. The cited reference to Gaucher discloses a method and apparatus for an automatic multi-wireless/wired computer network having a master computer 12 and various appliances

such as VCR 44, printer 30 and automobile 60. The master computer 12 provides a common interface for the various appliances of the Gaucher network. Moreover, as discussed in the February 17, 2005 interview, Gaucher indicates that an appliance may provide feedback to the master computer 12, such feedback providing information to the user about the appliance. However, as also discussed in the February 17th interview, Gaucher does not disclose monitoring the appliances of the system or determining and transmitting an action to be performed by the appliances on the system.

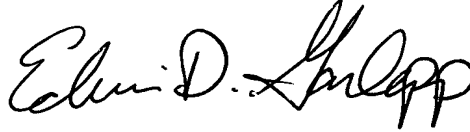
More specifically, as discussed in the February 17th personal interview, Gaucher does not disclose “monitoring management initiating parameters including at least one of a system clock and sensed parameters, for the electronic devices, determining a management action to be performed on an electronic device to be managed based on management initiating parameters, and transmitting a management action data packet to the electronic device to be managed” as now recited in each of Claims 1, 17 and 33. Moreover, Balasubramaniam et al. is cited for the features recited in dependent Claims 11, 27 and 38, and this reference does not correct the deficiencies of Gaucher.

Thus, Applicants’ Claims 1, 17 and 33, as amended, patentably define over the cited references. Moreover, as the remaining dependent claims depend from one of these independent claims, these pending dependent claims also patentably define over the cited references.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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